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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0524

DEPT FOR A/FO/SY/MSG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MSG
SUBJ: REQUIREMENT FOR MSG TDY

1. EMBASSY HAS A REQUIREMENT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL MSG WATCH-
STANDERS FOR A THREE WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 19.
DURING THIS PERIOD WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING AND INSTALLING THE
SKYLINK EQUIPMENT, MUCH OF IT HIGHLY SENSITIVE. THE SIZE AND
SEQUENCE OF INSTALLATION DICTATE THAT WE STORE MUCH OF THE
EQUIPMENT AT OUR GSO COMPOUND. WE HAVE TRIED TO ARRANGE
ANOTHER SOLUTION, BUT IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO STORE IT IN
THE CHANCERY ITSELF. GIVEN THE REQUIREMENT TO SAFEGUARD THE
EQUIPMENT, WE MUST ESTABLISH ANOTHER FIXED POST FOR THE
PERIOD OF INSTALLATION. WE SHALL ALSO NEED ESCORTS FOR THE
EQUIPMENT AS IT IS TRANSPORTED FROM THE COMPOUND TO THE
CHANCERY.

2. THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF AN AUGMENTED MSG PRESENCE HERE
DURING THE INSTALLATION IS THAT IT WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE EFFICIENCY OF THE TECHNICIANS WHO ARE ACTUALLY DOING
THE JOB. OTHERWISE THEY WILL HAVE TO INTERRUPT WORK TO
ESCORT EQUIPMENT BACK AND FORTH. GIVEN THE COMMUNICATIONS
REQUIREMENTS ON THIS POST, WE NATURALLY WANT TO COMPLETE
THE TASK RAPIDLY.

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3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THIS REQUIREMENT WITH
CO. F IN NAIROBI. COMMANDING OFFICER SAYS CO. F CAN MEET
OUR REQUIREMENTS, BUT DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL AND ORDERS
ARE REQUIRED.

4. REQUEST PRIORITY RESPONSE SO THAT MSG'S MAY ARRANGE TO

TRAVEL ON KQ-756 MARCH 19, THE ONLY CONNECTION THAT WILL
BRING THEM TO MOGADISCIO IN TIME TO START WORK.
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